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Double Amputee to Speak at Kirtland

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — Double amputee Sergeant 1st Class Dana Bowman of the Army's Golden Knights Parachute Team will speak at the base theater Oct. 25 at 11 a.m.

Bowman lost both legs after colliding with his partner during a practice skydive nearly three years ago. Nine months later, he became the first double amputee to reenlist in Army, sky-diving into the reenlistment ceremony. He has since completed more than 200 sky dives.

Off duty, Bowman has become an inspiration to other wounded soldiers and to children suffering from life-threatening illnesses. Specially designed prostheses also allow him to remain an avid skier, hot-air balloonist, bicyclist, scuba diver, runner and country-western diver.

Bowman was named Disabled Veteran of the Year in 1995. His appearance at Kirtland is in support of October's observance of National Disability Employment Month.



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This photo can be found at [Http://www.kirtland.af.mil/pa/images/bowman.gif](http://www.kirtland.af.mil/pa/images/bowman.gif).

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